



Your rental property may qualify for the Section 8 Rental Voucher Housing Assistance Payments Program

What is the Voucher Housing Assistance Program?

The Voucher program is a federally funded program administered by Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA) through local agencies. It provides housing assistance to eligible very low income families. It enables families to find decent, safe, and sanitary housing by subsidizing a portion of their rent and paying it directly to the landlord.

You may call (757) 890-3885 for more information.

What Families are Eligible?

The program assists very low income households. A local housing agency selects families who meet income and eligibility requirements.

How Can a Family Participate?

To participate in the program a family must apply to a local VHDA agent and be certified as eligible. They are allowed to seek housing from landlords who wish to participate. The family may select the housing in which they currently reside or move to another unit.

What Type of Housing Qualifies?

Any rental housing, including single family homes, apartments, and mobile homes, qualifies as long as it is in decent, safe and sanitary condition.

How are Payments Made?

- ☐ Every month, the landlord receives two checks: one from the family and one from VHDA.
- ☐ Payments will be made for the term of the specified contract which cannot be less than one year.

Must Landlords Accept Any Eligible Family?

If a landlord wishes to participate he retains the right to select his residents as long as he does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, sex, national origin, handicap, or familial status. Landlords are encouraged to screen families to determine whether or not a family would make a good resident.

What are the Benefits to Landlords?

- ☐ Rental of vacant units
- ☐ Landlord selects residents, retains full management
- ☐ VHDA contracts directly with landlord for a specified term
- ☐ VHDA automatically pays a portion of rent directly to the landlord.
- ☐ There are no maximum rent limits but the landlord is expected to charge a reasonable market rent.

Further Questions?

If you have further questions, or if you want to notify us of the availability of your unit(s), call (757) 890-3885.

